

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE:

Presentation to Diane Nguyen of San Joaquin Council of Governments Recognizing

Outstanding Service to the City of Lodi in the Delivery of Transportation Projects

MEETING DATE:

September 3, 2003

PREPARED BY:

Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Mayor Hitchcock present a plaque to Ms. Diane Nguyen of the

San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) in recognition of

outstanding service to the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Over the past several years, many of the City of Lodi's major street improvement projects have, in large part, been constructed using funds managed by the San Joaquin Council of Governments.

Notable among these projects are the Highway 99/Kettleman Lane

Interchange, Beckman Road Reconstruction, Lower Sacramento Road Widening, Turner Road Reconstruction, and soon the Kettleman Lane Gap Closure and Beautification project.

Successful delivery of these projects has substantially relied upon the services of SJCOG staff and especially Ms. Diane Nguyen. She has assisted the City in crafting creative applications for funds, streamlined project development, interfaced with Caltrans, and supported the many changes that occur as projects evolve.

Most recently, Ms. Nguyen orchestrated an allocation of \$2.6 million in Measure K funds to facilitate construction of the stalled Kettleman Gap Closure and Beautification Project. This resulted in project delivery three to four years earlier than otherwise possible.

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Not applicable

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